

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 24-27 in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 24-27 are pending in this application.

Claims 11, 13, 15, and 24-27 have been allowed. Claims 5-7, 10, 12, 14, and 16-23 were previously canceled. Claims 1-4 and 8-9 were rejected under the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, ¶ 1

The Examiner stated that claims 1-4, 8, and 9 are not enabled. In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim 1, as amended in the Reply filed on December 14, 2007, recites a filter having a housing, a first tube, and a diverter, where the diverter has the same structure as that in allowed claim 25. Therefore, Applicant asserts that claim 1 is also in condition for allowance. Further, as claims 2-4, 8, and 9 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, these claims are in condition for allowance as well.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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